

We whose names appear below understand that you will introduce modifications on June 2nd to the 1996 revised rules governing the ownership of broadcast stations.

The ownership changes included in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 have produced unfortunate results. Instead of increased diversity, we now have fewer owners of several stations each. Locally, that has resulted in absurdities like the recently-publicized situation of Minot, North Dakota, where one owner controls the local stations yet none of them reacted to alert the community of a poison gas derailment. This is not broadcasting in the "...public interest, convenience and necessity."

The changes of 1996 have reduced or eliminated local programming, local access, and locally responsible ownership.

Please advocate more owners of stations, not more stations for owners.

Sincerely,

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also, with the permission of each, the signatures of:

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